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SUBJECT: U.S. REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS AND
PRODUCTS

1. ADDITION OF FINLAND TO FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE AND
RINDERPEST FREE LIST WILL ALLOW IMPORTATION OF MEATS AND MEAT
PRODUCTS INTO THE UNITED STATES BUT UNDER THE RESTRICTIONS
LISTED IN 94.11, TITLE 9, CFR (COPY BEING MAILED UNDER SEPARATE
COVER). CERTIFICATIONS FOR MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS MUST BE
AS REQUIRED IN 94.11(C)(1)(2)(3) AND (4). BOTH COMMERCIAL
SHIPMENTS AND SMALL AMOUNTS ENTERED BY INDIVIDUALS FOR PERSONAL
CONSUMPTION MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS.

2. POWDERED MILK IS ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS
UNDER VETERINARY SERVICES REGULATIONS AT PRESENT BUT PENDING
REGULATION AMENDMENTS MAY AFFECT SHIPMENTS IN FUTURE.
HOWEVER, POWDERED MILK IS SUBJECT TO US IMPORT QUOTA AND
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NO QUOTA IS AUTHORIZED FOR FINLAND AT THIS TIME.

3. ALL COMMERCIAL SHIPMENTS OF MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS PRESENTED FOR ENTRY INTO U.S. MUST ALSO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

4. THE DEPARTMENT'S IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, AND BIRDS ARE FOUND IN 9 CFR, PART 92 (COPY BEING FORWARDED). SECTION 92.5(A)(2) IS PRESENTLY IN EFFECT FOR SHEEP IMPORTATIONS. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS BECAUSE OF SCRAPIE DISEASE FOR SHEEP AND GOATS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THIS TIME. SUCH RESTRICTIONS COULD BE AN ADDED IMPORT REQUIREMENT AT A LATER DATE. QUARANTINE SPACE AT THE NEW YORK QUARANTINE STATION IS EXTREMELY LIMITED. PRESENT QUARANTINE SPACE IS COMMITTED THROUGH FEBRUARY OF 1976.

5. BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL RUMINANTS AND SWINE AND POULTRY ARE SPECIFIC. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH OF THESE SPECIES MUST BE CERTIFIED TO IN CERTIFICATES PROVIDED FOR EACH SHIPMENT BY NATIONAL VETERINARY SERVICES OF THE EXPORTING COUNTRY. IMPORT PERMITS FROM VS, APHIS, USDA, MUST ACCOMPANY EACH SHIPMENT TO THE UNITED STATES. INGERSOLL

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